National Tribal Policy

110. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted National Tribal Policy, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would be useful to the tribals across the country?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH) (a) to (c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has formulated a draft National Tribal Policy, 2006 in order to address the issues concerning tribals *viz.* Lower Human Development Index, poor infrastructure, diminishing control over the natural resource base, persistent threats of eviction from their natural habitat, exclusion from mainstream society, inequality in distribution of wealth and opportunities, non-empowerment, and inadequate implementation of Constitutional provisions, and to ensure their active and informed participation in development. Action has been initiated for finalization of the draft Policy as per procedure.

Scholarships for tribal children

111. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the tribal children who are attending schools in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, studying in Government schools and private schools are getting stipends, scholarships or any other benefit that is due to them as tribals;

(b) the details of children who got stipend, scholarship and other benefits in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the last three years, district-wise and number-wise; and

(c) the number of children studying in primary schools (tribals) in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Besides various State Governments' schemes for scholarships, stipends etc. to ST students, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases grants-in-aid to the State Governments under the scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for

ST students, on the basis of complete proposals received from the various State Governments. This is also the practice followed in the States of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Only those ST students whose parental income does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh are eligible for the Post Matric Scholarships under the scheme.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Funds to overcome malnutrition in Andhra Pradesh

112. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided under ICDS programme to overcome malnutrition problem of children in Orissa during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of malnourished children is not coming down for three years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for bringing down the percentage of malnourished children in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The details of the funds provided under ICDS scheme to the State of Orissa during the last five years are as follows:

	(Rupees in lakhs)
2002-03	8676.42
2003-04	10387.11
2004-05	8968.40
2005-06	10600.69
2006-07 (till 20.2.2007)	11799.14

As per the grant-in-aid pattern of the ICDS Scheme, cost of supplementary nutrition was to be borne by the States/UTs till 2004-05. However, from the year 2005-06, the Government of India has decided to provide grant-in-aid to the States/UTs for supplementary nutrition also, to the extent of 50% of financial norms or 50% of the actual expenditure incurred by the State, whichever is less.